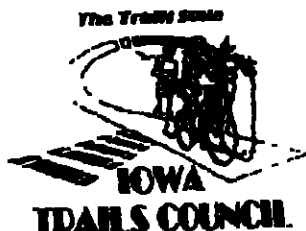


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October 17, 2007

Mr Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St SW
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Ref AB 33 (Sub No 175X))

Dear Mr Williams

Since we have been unable to complete negotiations to acquire the 3 2 mile Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way in Hamilton County, Iowa, between Jewell and Ellsworth We are requesting additional time in which to continue these negotiations We would appreciate your granting another 180 days for this purpose

Ten copies of this request are being furnished to the Board and a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago We expect the railroad to concur in this request

Sincerely,


Tom F Neenan

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